

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **OHASHI, Hitoshi et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1734

Serial No.: 10/047,992

Examiner: **G. R. KOCH**

Filed: **January 17, 2002**

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING ELECTRIC CIRCUIT**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED March 17, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: April 8, 2005

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **March 17, 2005**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-20; and Group (II),
Claims 21-50.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group (I),
Claims 1-20 for prosecution in this application. Applicants' hereby reserve the right to file one or
more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35
USC 121.

Further, in response to the Requirement for an Election of Species, Applicants
provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species embodying Species A. Claims 1, 4,
7, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 18 read on this species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more
divisional applications directed the non-elected claims.

Applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 11,
14, 17 and 18 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this

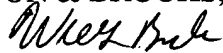
Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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